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FROM USDEL

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCON, UN, SENV, PARM

SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: DRAFT RESOLUTION  
ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

REF: STATE 212424, NAIROBI 11431

1. SECRETARIAT ISSUED REVISED CAPE VERDE RESOLUTION  
ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS LATE THIS AFTERNOON,  
SEPTEMBER 5. REVISION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED AT  
LENGTH IN NIGHT SESSION OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE. CAPE  
VERDE REPRESENTATIVE EVENTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THERE  
WAS CONSENSUS TO POSTPONE FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL  
TODAY, FOLLOWING MORNING 6-77 MEETING.

2. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT EAST EUROPEANS  
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AND NUMBER OF AFRICAN DELEGATIONS SUPPORT RESOLUTION.  
CANADIANS VOICED OBJECTION.

3. REVISION, INCLUDING TWO ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE  
CHANGES INTRODUCED BY CAPE VERDE IN COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE, NOW STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

A) FIRST PREAMBULAR PARA, REMAINS SAME.

B) SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA, NOW DEADS: QUOTE:  
RECALLING PARA 107 OF THE REPORT OF THE NAIROBI  
PREPARATORY MEETING ON DESERTIFICATION (12-16  
APRIL 1977). END QUOTE.

C) ONLY OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH NOW READS: QUOTE:  
DECIDES:

1) TO DENOUNCE THE EFFECTS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS  
AND PRACTICES ON THE ECOSYSTEMS OF ALL COUNTRIES,  
AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN AFRICA, WHICH HAVE  
ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE THROUGH ARMED NATIONAL  
LIBERATION STRUGGLES OR WHICH ARE STILL  
FIGHTING FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE;

2) TO CONDEMN AND BRING ABOUT THE PROHIBITION OF  
THE POISONING OF SOURCES OF WATER AND THE USE OF  
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS DESIGNED TO CAUSE MASS  
DESTRUCTION OR DIMINISH THE BIOLOGICAL POTENTIAL  
OF SOIL, NAMELY, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS  
SUCH AS NAPALM, DEFOILANTS, ETC.;

3) TO ADDRESS AN APPEAL TO ALL STATES MEMBERS  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTM TO REFRAIN FROM  
SUPPLYING SUCH ARMS OR CHEMICAL PRODUCTS TO THOSE  
WHO SUPPORT THIS POLICY OF DESTRUCTION;

4) TO DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND ACCORD PRIORITY  
TO PROGRAMMES AND FINANCING FOR COUNTRIES SUFFERING  
FROM DROUGHT AND FOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED  
INDEPENDENCE THROUGH AN ARMED NATIONAL LIBERATION  
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STRUGGLE;

5) TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE  
CONFERENCE TO REPORT TO THE UNGA ON THE APPLICATION  
OF THIS RESOLUTION. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: CAPE VERDE REVISION DOES NOT REPRESENT  
SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION. USDEL  
WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER, BY INCLUDING IN THE DRAFT  
REFERENCES TO ENMOD, GENEVA CONVENTIONS, ONGOING US-SOVIET  
TALKS AND ANY OTHER DESIRED CHANGES, RESOLUTION COULD  
THEN BE MADE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. THIS APPROACH  
MIGHT ALSO APPEAL TO CANADIANS AND SWISS. ALTERNATIVELY,  
WOULD DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE USDEL TO ABSTAIN WITHOUT  
EXPLANATION, IF RESOLUTION PUT TO VOTE? ATTEMPT TO  
GAIN CONSENSUS WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE USDEL TO  
EXPLAIN WHY IT COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS.  
DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO REPLY, IF POSSIBLE, BY OPENING OF  
BUSINESS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.  
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